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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5949**
Eiichi HATAE et al. : Docket No. 2001_0749A
Serial No. 09/880,040 : Group Art Unit 2616
Filed June 14, 2001 : Examiner James A. Fletcher

REMAINING RECORDABLE TIME
CALCULATION APPARATUS THAT
CONVERTS AMOUNT OF FREE AREA OF
RECORDING MEDIUM INTO TIME

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the species election requirement contained in item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Species II as illustrated in Figures 6-11. Claims 7-13 read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected species is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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